

Appl. No. 10/044,899
Response dated January 31, 2006
Response to Office Communication mailed December 16, 2005

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 129-202 are pending. Claims 129-202 are currently presented. Claims 1-128 are cancelled.

II. Response to the Office Communication

On January 24, 2006, a telephone interview was conducted with Examiner Tran and Applicants' representative, Todd Esker. During this interview, the Examiner suggested withdrawing the Restriction Requirement and Election of Species regarding claims 121-128, and issuing a new Restriction Requirement and Election of Species based upon claims 129-202. Applicants agreed with the Examiner's suggestion.

Applicants sincerely thank the Examiner for taking the time to interview this case, and look forward to receiving the new Restriction Requirement and Election of Species.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-442-1000.

Respectfully submitted,



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